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Including

THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

B. ROBINSON, M.A.P.H.I.

For the Year 1972

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ANNUAL REPORT 1972

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Norton

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area for the year, 1972.

There are no matters on which I wish to make special comment this year.

I should like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council for their support, to the Officials for their co-operation, and to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his help in preparing this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WM. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	94,132
Number of inhabited houses	2,450
Registrar General's estimate of home population ..	6,460
Rateable Value	£456,007
Sum represented by a penny rate	£4,460

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	44	37	81
Illegitimate	3	2	5
	47	39	86

Number		86
Rate per 1,000 population	13.3	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.8	
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)		1
Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	11.6	

Deaths	Male	Female	Total	
	37	26	63	
Death rate per 1,000 population				9.8
Deaths from heart disease	16	6	22	
Rate per 1,000 population				3.4
Deaths from Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	6	10	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.5
Deaths from Cancer	7	6	13	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				2.0

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates

During the year 1972

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Number of children under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian population)		
England and Wales	14.8	12.1	17.0
Administrative County	14.3	10.6	12.0
M.B.'s and U.D.'s	14.2	11.0	13.0
R.D.'s	14.5	10.2	10.0

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1963	17.26	18.81	10.75	11.18	32.79
1964	17.19	18.74	11.22	11.67	16.52
1965	16.33	17.80	13.18	13.71	26.31
1966	13.51	14.73	8.91	9.27	10.64
1967	12.4	13.52	11.2	11.42	-
1968	15.2	16.6	13.0	13.5	28.0
1969	13.7	14.9	9.4	9.5	10.4
1970	11.6	12.6	10.6	10.9	37.0
1971	15.9	17.3	9.4	9.7	19.4
1972	13.3	15.7	9.8	9.6	11.6

Table Showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C.
1972

	Male	Female
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	4
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
B46(4) Multiple Sclerosis	-	1
B46(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	5
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	1
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	4	6
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	1
B31 Influenza	1	-
B32 Pneumonia	3	2
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-
B34 Peptic Ulcer	-	1
B46(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-
BE49 Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	-
Total All Causes	37	26

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1972

	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1 year	1	-	1
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	1	1
35 - 44 years	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	4	3	7
55 - 64 years	5	6	11
65 - 74 years	11	6	17
75+	16	10	26
	37	26	63

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from Malignant Disease

	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	1	1	2
55 - 64 years	1	1	2
65 - 74 years	3	2	5
75+	2	2	4
	7	6	13

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	4	(Nil)
Measles	7	(19)
Infective Jaundice	9	(Nil)
Dysentery	1	(Nil)
Acute Meningitis	1	(Nil)
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil	(2)

(Cases occuring in 1971 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough and Bridlington.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

Nursing

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Rillington and Wetwang.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Northallerton for examination.

Ambulance Service

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

Clinics for the treatment of Venereal Disease are held each week at York and Scarborough.

Hospitals

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Driffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Maternity Home, Westow.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE

	Total
PUBLIC HEALTH	
Sewers	24
Sewage Works	108
Water Supplies	7
Water Sampling	25
Nuisances	17
Infectious Diseases	2
Infestations (Vermin)	4
Camping and Caravan Sites	6
Refuse Collection and Disposal	37
Drainage Survey	9
Drain Inspection	61
Building Regulations	414
TOWN PLANNING	117
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	61
HOUSING	
Housing Inspections	16
RODENT CONTROL	23
FOOD AND DRUGS	
Food Hygiene	10
Meat Inspection	374
Food Inspection	3
Catering Premises	9
Slaughterhouses	6
Knackers Yards	1
OFFICES AND SHOPS ACT	10
PETROLEUM	13
FACTORIES (power)	12
(non-power)	10
MISCELLANEOUS	48

COUNCIL HOUSES

Maintenance	114
Re-lets	11
Painting	72
Improvements	202
TOTAL	1,826

WATER SUPPLIES

A chlorinated mains supply is available throughout most of the district and is not plumbo-solvent.

25 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ryedale Joint Water Board (Chlorinated)	18	-
Private Supplies (Chlorinated)	1	1
Untreated	1	4

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis.

HOUSING

Eleven new dwellings were completed during the year, a decrease of two on the previous year.

	COUNCIL		PRIVATE		TOTAL
	Bungalows	Houses	Bungalows	Houses	
Acklam	-	-	-	1	1
Ganton	-	-	-	2	2
Heslerton	-	-	1	1	2
Rillington	-	-	-	1	1
Scrayingham	-	-	-	1	1
Sherburn	-	-	2	1	3
Willerby	-	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	-	-	3	8	11

The number of new dwellings completed during the year again shows no increase over the average for the past few years but the approvals issued towards the end of the year suggest that in 1973 there will be a substantial increase. Only six dwellings were built in the eight villages designated as minor centres.

DISCRETIONARY AND STANDARD GRANTS

	Number of Applications	Number Approved	Number of Houses	Total Grant	Average cost per House
Discretionary Grants	41	38	43	£60,815	£1,414
Standard Grants	2	2	2	1,064	532
Figures for 1971					
Discretionary Grants	31	29	30	38,052	1,312
Standard Grants	12	12	12	2,869	239
Figures for 1949/72					
Discretionary Grants	377	367	-	-	-
Standard Grants	184	175	-	-	-

575 houses have been improved with grant aid since 1949, out of a total of 1913 private dwellings in the district.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

No. of Food Shops 46
No. of Hotels, Inns etc. 17
No. of Cafes and School Canteens 7

Number of premises registered under Section 16 are:-

Sale of ice cream 30
Manufacture of meat products 4

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

At the end of the year four offices, seven retail shops and three catering establishments were registered under the Act. Ten visits were made to premises.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are no licensed caravan sites within the District.

Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928/36

A total of 76 licences were issued, covering the storage of approximately 90,000 gallons of petrol. There are 22 filling stations in the district.

Building Regulations and Town Planning

The following applications were dealt with during the year:-

Building Regulations

In abeyance 1.1.72.	4 (1971 - 10)
New applications	201 (1971 - 138)
Applications approved	195 (1971 - 139)
Applications withdrawn	3 (1971 - 5)
In abeyance 31.12.72	7 (1971 - 4)

Planning

In abeyance 1.1.72.	4 (1971 - 10)
New applications	147 (1971 - 80)
Applications approved	107 (1971 - 65)
Applications refused	7 (1971 - 9)
Applications withdrawn	7 (1971 - 1)
In abeyance 31.12.72	30 (1971 - 14)

There was a marked increase in the number of new applications under both Building Regulations and Planning, the figure for the latter being approximately double the 1971 figure.

Council Houses

The Council own 640 houses, 179 were built prior to 1939 and of these 140 have been modernised.

Plans have been approved for improvement work to a further 34 houses and it is expected that these will be complete in the coming year.

Rodent Control

No infestations were recorded in the sewerage systems and very few notifications of rats and mice in private properties were received. Treatment is free for dealing with infestations in private houses.

Sewerage

Work commenced towards the end of the year on a new sewerage system and sewage disposal works at West Lutton to replace the existing works that serves only the school and Council houses. This is the last major scheme planned by the Council, making a total of seventeen village sewerage systems to be provided in a twenty-two year period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The existing disposal arrangements whereby house refuse which is collected fortnightly is taken to a pulveriser in Malton Urban District continues to be very satisfactory.

There are still problems caused by indiscriminate tipping in disused pits, quarries etc. throughout the district and it is difficult to understand why the persons responsible, who can seldom be traced, persist in this anti-social behaviour and set such a bad example to others. Most local Authorities will either make special collections or accept bulky articles etc. at a disposal point on request, but very few enquiries are received.

Meat Inspection

There was a further increase in the number of animals slaughtered during the year with of course a corresponding increase in the hours spent on meat inspection duties at the expense of other routine work.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected 1972	2,792	111	39	9,848	4,749	-
Number killed and inspected 1971	2,537	31	16	10,230	3,888	-
Number killed and inspected 1970	1,174	8	30	8,238	2,607	-
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis.						
Whole carcases condemned	7	4	11	36	9	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	421	18	11	361	118	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	15.3	19.8	28.2	4.0	2.7	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	44	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.91	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-

Fifteen persons are licensed to slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act.

Factories Act, 1937

Figures relating to inspection of factories covered only those visits which were made specifically for that purpose and do not include visits made in connection with other matters, when attention was also paid to items under Sections 1 - 7.

Prescribed particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	12	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	29	10	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).			-	-
TOTAL	41	22	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS WERE FOUND - Nil

Part VII of the Act

(Outwork)

Sections 133 and 134

- Nil Return -